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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 10, 11, 17 and 32 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-9, 12-16, 18-31 and 33-46 remain pending and at issue in this application.

Response to §102(b) rejections

Applicant respectfully submits that the anticipation rejection of claims 1, 25 and 39 under one or both of U.S. Patent 2,799,347 ("Wilcox") and U.S. Patent 3,934,468 ("Brieger") should be withdrawn, as all of these references taken alone (or in combination) fail to disclose each and every element of the claims and, therefore, fail to anticipate the claims.

In particular, each of the claims at issue includes a plurality of flowlines extending through a shaft. In contrast, neither Wilcox nor Brieger disclose such structures. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of independent claims 1, 25, 39 and their respective dependent claims.

Response to §103 rejections

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 2, 18 and 24 as obvious over Wilcox in view of U.S. Patent 5,289,875 ("Stockley") or U.S. Patent 6,092,416 ("Halford"), as the combination of these references fails to teach or suggest all of the claimed limitations and, as such, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established.

In particular, Stockley and Halford fail to disclose a plurality of flowlines extending

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through a shaft or an extendable shaft. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the obviousness rejection of claims 2, 18 and 24.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 19-0610 (Reference Number 20.2828).

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Respectfully submitted,



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